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1. During the first quarter of 1954, great difficulties were encountered in obtaining and distributing the quotas of feed for the 47,000 draft horses in East Germany. For example, in the Neubrandenburg Bezirk alone, deliveries of mixed fodder were 526 metric tons in arrears. As of 29 April 1954, the following estimate was made of the situation for the second quarter:
 - a. The first distribution of feed would be made for the first 40 days of the quarter in minimum amounts.
 - b. The second distribution of feed would be made for the remaining 51 days of the quarter, but a shortage of 1,000 metric tons of feed grain and 1,481 metric tons of mixed fodder for this distribution remained to be procured.
2. Because of the insufficient supplies of feed on hand for distribution, the amounts distributed in the individual Bezirke were correspondingly small. For example, in the Rostock Bezirk, only eight metric tons of the 842 metric tons of mixed fodder, allowed by the plan for the second quarter, had been distributed by 23 April.
3. The State Secretariat for Collection and Purchase of Agricultural Products stated that the quotas set up for the various Bezirke, as well as the shortage of 1,000 metric tons of feed grain for the second quarter, could not be met.
4. The State Secretariat for Collection and Purchase and the State Committee for Material Procurement attributed the insufficient supply of feed for draft horses to the failure of the Satellite countries to ship feed on a continuing basis and in sufficient amounts.
5. On 29 April 1954, the State Secretariat for Vehicular Traffic and Highways appealed to the East German Ministry for Foreign and Interzonal Trade to obtain sufficient imports of feed for draft horses.

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